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SUBJECT: (C) KUWAITI PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO WASHINGTON,
D.C.

Classified By: CDA FRANK C. URBANCIC; FOR REASON 1.5 (A)

11. (C) Kuwait Prime Ministerial Counselor Shaykh Fawaz Saud Nasser Al-Sabah told Charge August 20 that the GoK has just now begun to nail down details on the visit of Prime Minister Shaykh Sabah al-Ahmad al-Jaber Al-Sabah to Washington. Delegation will likely consist of the following:

Prime Minister
HH Shaykh Sabah al-Ahmad al-Jaber Al-Sabah

Minister of Energy (Oil, Electricity, Water)
HE Shaykh Ahmed Fahed al-Ahmed Al-Sabah

Minister of Information
HE Mohammad Abdullah Abulhasan

Minister of Commerce and Industry
HE Abdullah Abdul Rahman Al-Taweel

Undersecretary for Foreign Affairs
HE Khalid Jarallah

Director of the Office of the Prime Minister
Ambassador Ahmad Al-Fahad

Undersecretary of the Ministry of Interior
General Abdullah Al-Faris

Counselor in the Office of the Prime Minister
Shaykh Fawaz Saud Nasser Al-Sabah

Counselor in the Office of the Prime Minister
Mazin Al-Essa

12. (C) Charge emphasized that the US hoped to use the occasion of the Prime Minister's visit to advance a number of initiatives in the economic and political relationship. He suggested that, upon learning the likely composition of the delegation, the US might propose separate meetings in these areas for key members of the delegation. Fawaz took this on board, and replied that the delegation would be pleased to engage. He requested that the US provide a list of proposed side meetings and topics as early as possible to allow the Kuwaiti side to prepare. Charge agreed to pass on this request.

13. (C) On timing, Fawaz said the GoK intended to announce the visit after the regular cabinet meeting Sunday morning, August 24. Charge asked Fawaz to defer this plan until he had had a chance to confer with Washington. He said the US preferred a simultaneous announcement which, given the different weekend schedules in the US and Kuwait, would likely mean announcement on Monday, August 25. In any case, there was time to nail this down before either date. Charge promised to get back to Fawaz with the US preference by Kuwaiti OOB Saturday, August 23.

14. (C) Action request: Please advise US preferences on simultaneous announcement, as well as proposed side meetings for select members of the delegation and topics to be discussed.
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